

## PTA Council Meeting Minutes - Monday 7 October 2013 3.30pm

Present: Laurie Clark, Peter Clark, Jennie Jermyn, Rochelle Green, Lesley Bayles, Dave Pettigrew, Dennis Reich, Scott Crawford, Jaeda Wooldridge

Apologies: Zach Pascoe

**Task-** Scott to liaise back to the PTA on Board's Christmas & Alcohol on campus policy

**Task-** Jaeda to put elections newsletter & sign-up sheet on board

**Task-** Jaeda to contact Clarence Thomas regarding a/c relocation materials cost

**Task-** Laurie to advise Tim to proceed with purchasing Peace Day Flag material

**Task-** Dave to contact specific parents regarding PTA council positions

**Task-** Dave to liaise with Katy Morley on Little Thatch Fundraiser

**Task-** Dennis to confirm TSC for 11 Dec Elections venue

**Task-** Dennis to email Sophie – CAS co-ordinator

**Task-** Dennis/Rochelle to draft up project/current initiative boards

**Task-** Peter to contact Drakes regarding a/c relocation materials cost

**Task-** Peter to cost shade cloth & posts for extra shading in playground

**Task-** Jennie to research further on Choir uniforms

**Task-** Rochelle to liaise with Mary Brockbank on coupon book & sales

Scott discussed his concern with trying to avoid burnout within the PTA & asked how the school can support. Pleased with the positive momentum & worried about set back, all agreed this was an issue. Dennis has created a PTA elections newsletter & sign-up sheet. The idea to ask interested people to attend our next meeting was discussed, so they could see what is involved being on the council. Discussions about the need for a "whip" position, someone to contact volunteers.

Julie Reich, Sam Pierce & Louise MacKenzie were names suggested by council as possible future council members.

Peter mentioned having a parent event, Jennie advised about the Hot Dog Day held up at Willows each month to get parents to mingle. A possibility was to have CAS Students run a coffee morning.

Dennis advised the mold packets for the library under the stairs are on their way, the company will be doing this free of charge for us.

Moving of a/c units on the back of Zach/Laurie/Peter's office & back of Mr Riley & Ms Goni's rooms – the workmen are ready to go at cost of \$750 if we use them as a one off, will drop price to \$500 if we use them for other work, they are waiting on us to get the materials they will need which is proving quite expensive. Peter & Jaeda to make contact with Drakes & Clarence Thomas on pricing. Moving these units will not only help the atrium & upstairs terrace noise levels but will also provide 2 new usable spaces on campus.

Laurie advised that there is fundraising planned by Mr Riley to help create a Reading Nook (not a Grade 5 hang out!). He is having t-shirts printed with IB profiles on back.

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Mr Riley gave a presentation on what the funds he is requesting for Peace Day would create. The flags could be hung in several places on campus & out in the community. Voted that this was a good idea & to encourage his enthusiasm to go ahead with project, cost approx. \$400-\$500.

No decision as yet on funding for the 13 raspberry pi's. Dennis is trying to get outside funding similar to the robots.

Jennie spoke about the request for Choir uniforms, not needing to be full uniforms, perhaps a vest or scarf/tie, the school uniform shirts don't wear well by the end of the year & can look scuffy & the shorts are all different styles. Cedar's image is on display at the events they perform at & we need to look as smart as the other schools. Council suggested rather than funding the uniforms we could subsidise, Jennie to research further & come back with prices/options.

The idea of having project boards/current initiatives up on display with thermometer type funding or piece of pi to show parents what we are looking at doing. Different projects may "strike a cord" with different people & we may get parents interested in helping for a particular item or even donating directly to that cause!

Scott addressed the Solution Studio's request for funds, advised that there is a hard working core group of parents involved directly with the Solution Studio & suggested we leave this off our agenda with Jennie offering to be the liaison person between the core group & council.

More shade needed, suggested to place it off the fence over the "abandoned" handball court near the Kindy play area. Shade cloth & 2 posts required – Peter to price please.

Discussions were held about how the disco/dance could be improved with a chill out area, more games/activities to entertain & more supervision, parents needing to support teachers when they say certain behavior is not acceptable. Concerns were raised that this event shouldn't be held too often so as to keep the children interested more in the dancing & less in the running around crazily!

Book Fair date is set for Monday & Tuesday 2-3 December. The Book fair committee have this in hand.

Mary Brockbank has made contact with the PTA offering for us to sell her coupon book, selling price is \$5 & we would get \$1.50 of this per book. There is no outlay to us, we would get them on consignment. Book comes out every 2 months (next issue due Nov). Dennis mentioned it could be sold with a coffee morning. Scott was happy for it to be sold through the school.

Brief discussion was had on Ceres juice being sold through school, question raised why lunch people are able to submit a tender each year to come into the school but this was different from Ceres. Question was asked if lunch people contribute financially to the school as the Ceres Juice offer would.

**Meeting closed 5.15pm**